Establishment of schools for equal opportunity

†5. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the statement of Deputy Chairman of National Knowledge Commission in which it has been stated that in the next 10-15 years, if four lakh additional schools are started, everybody can get an opportunity;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that a scheme has been formulated to implement this proposal; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. However, a concept note on universalisation of access to and improvement of quality of secondary education has been prepared and sent to the Planning Commission.

Non-essentiality of NET for lecturership

†6. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission has decided to do away with the essentiality of the compulsory National Eligibility Test (NET) for filling up the vacant posts of Lecturers in the Universities;

(b) whether a delegation of academicians met the Prime Minister and the Human Resource Development Minister in this matter;

(c) if so, whether any position steps have been taken by Government after this meeting; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.